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## HALIFAX NOW NEEDS NO MORE BLANKETS

Red Cross Director Urges Heed Be Paid Only to Specific Wants.

There is no need in Halifax now for blankets, sweaters, doctors and nurses, according to a telegram received by W. Frank Persons, director general of Red Cross civilian relief, from the director of the Red Cross there. The people have all these necessities and the situation can be cared for if the shipments are confined to such goods and people as are asked for. The telegram in full follows:

"Kindly send word broadcast that blankets, sweaters and doctors and nurses should not be sent now till connection is relieved.

"Every building is at least partly wrecked and all work is done under difficulties. Size of problem should be known soon. My estimate now is 2,000 or more dead, perhaps 3,000 severely wounded, and besides these 2,000 or more homeless, but not severely wounded.

"Unlike other calamities, the military has not been in charge of immediate relief. Civilians, therefore, welcomed all the more our suggestions as to organization and adopted them immediately. We are working now to make the new organization effective. We placed 100 doctors and nurses yesterday, more turned up near midnight, and 100 more before breakfast today.

"Blankets and sweaters are now in sight for more than everyone in the city, including the big majority of the city who are not in need. Red Cross are having hard time to handle passengers and freight.

"It is inexplicably sad here, but situation will be well in hand if allowed to work itself out by those already here, and if shipment is made only of such goods and people as are found to be needed and are specially asked for."

## SENATOR TO SPEAK AT NEGRO CHURCH

Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, will address a mass meeting Wednesday at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, N. street between Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, held as a part of the two weeks' celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the church, which will begin tomorrow and the fifty-second anniversary of the adoption of the Thirteenth Constitutional Amendment.

Rev. Dr. Simon P. W. Drew, pastor, will preach the anniversary sermon tomorrow. A campaign to raise \$1,000, overdue interest on the \$12,000 indebtedness of the church, will be made during the anniversary celebration by the White Cross Free Employment Bureau.

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## MEANS' TRIAL LAGS; LAWYER LOSES VOICE

Adjournment Granted Attorney for Defense During Forceful Argument.

By DAVID M. CHURCH.  
Special Cable to Washington Herald and New York Tribune.

Court House, Concord, N. C., Dec. 14.—With the defense making its last bitter stand the trial of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, is tonight far from completion.

In the midst of a forceful closing argument, J. T. Canlier, attorney for the defense, lost his voice. He appealed to Judge Cline for an adjournment until tomorrow morning and it was granted. Canlier had been in action for nearly two hours when his argument became less forceful as his voice grew weaker and weaker.

Although he addressed his argument to the jury it grew more and more evident that Canlier was also addressing himself to John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York. Cleverly and adroitly the attorney for the defense dodged the warning of Judge Cline that there be no attacks on the attorneys from States of the North, but at the same time he put forward a forceful argument and by inference pictured Dooling as the persecutor of Gaston B. Means.

Lack of Ethics.  
Canlier charges Dooling with lack of ethics and inferred that the New York attorney had held back much information from the court in order that the case against the defendant might be made stronger.

Just before his voice began to fail Canlier delivered himself of a bitter stream of invective against Dooling for failing to take his witness stand. It was a charge of heart on the part of the attorney for the defense earlier in the case objected to Dooling's participation in the trial on grounds that he might later appear as a witness. At that time Canlier was strenuously opposed to the appearance of Dooling on the witness stand.

Gaston B. Means, the defendant, has had a day of delight apparently. During the entire course of the argument by Dooling, Means listened and glowered and then smiled at the jury. His wife smiled defiantly. But when Canlier began his attack upon Dooling, Means became overjoyed. Cheering vigorously upon plug tobacco and exhorting frequently, Means leaned far over in his chair and cheered at Dooling with a "now-will-you-be-good" air.

## ADOPT WAR STAMPS AS XMAS PRESENTS

Preachers Pledge Aid to Boost Drive for Funds.

More than a score of Washington's leading Protestant clergymen and churches assembled in the District Building yesterday at the call of D. J. Callahan, director of the local war savings stamp fund, and pledged themselves to bend every effort to make the thrift stamp and war savings certificates the most popular Christmas present this year. In the absence of Mr. Callahan W. K. Cooper of the Y. M. C. A. presided.

Three definite steps were suggested at the meeting, of which the first two were referred to a committee for action.

Those which were referred to a committee were: The spread of the war savings stamp campaign doctrine by sermons from the pulpits and the forming of thrift clubs among Washington's children to aid in the fund. It was decided that the third suggestion, which consisted in advocating the extensive use of thrift stamps as Christmas presents, was adopted.

The special committee is composed of the following, each of whom is a member of a different denomination from his companions:  
Rev. Charles W. Wood, chairman; Rev. J. J. Muir, U. G. B. Pierce, John Wiedley, Charles A. Shreve, Earl Willey and Messrs. Norton M. Little, president of the District Sunday School Committee; H. B. Ottermann, president of the Christian Endeavor Union; Ashley Jump, president of the Epworth League north of the District of Columbia; Harold E. Ramsey, president of the Epworth League south of the District of Columbia; Hans G. J. Miller of the Luther League; Louis D. Hines of the men's bible class, and P. M. Eichen of the Y. M. C. A.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MEET

Columbia Historical Society, at a meeting to be held next Tuesday in the gold room of the Shoreham Hotel, will hear addresses on "Lewis Clephane, a Pioneer Washington Republican," by Walter C. Clephane, and "Clara Barton, Humanitarian," by Mrs. Cora Bacon-Pofter. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

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## German-Born Inmates Of Soldiers' Home To Be Interned By U. S.

The 51 German-born inmates of the United States Soldiers' Home will not have to leave that institution and seek other homes. United States Marshal Maurice Spain arranged yesterday with the Department of Justice and the commander of the Home to intern them there.

## DISTRICT ARTISTS HAVE RARE EXHIBIT

Canvases on View at Corcoran Gallery Draw Large Crowds.

Admirable art standards are maintained in the twenty-sixth annual exhibition of the Society of Washington Artists, which opened with a public reception in the Corcoran Gallery Wednesday.

"Futuristic art" is conspicuous by its absence, the work exhibited being characteristic of the best tradition, vigorous, refreshing and convincing. While the greater portion of the work shown is by local artists, there are scarcely any pictures on view which would not have been eligible for the big Philadelphia and New York exhibitions.

The place of honor on the semicircular wall has been awarded to a wonderful autumn landscape by Edward W. Redfield, loaned the exhibit by Geo. M. Oyster. Noted for its subtly modulated atmosphere and faint, wintry light, this canvas immediately holds the attention by its perfection of feeling and sure technique. A quite similar picture of Mr. Redfield's was shown at the Academy of Design.

Of particular interest are five paintings which have been contributed by members of the committee, and are stationed at University Camp. Three of these canvases are the work of Blon Barnett and the other two are by Lawrence Grant. One of Mr. Barnett's pictures is called "The Red Blueberry Bush," a flaming bit of moorland scenery; another, more mildly toned, is named "Iris Green," while the third canvas depicts a stretch of the forest floor covered with gleaming and, exotic foliage, and rippling blue sea.

The sculpture exhibit is almost as impressive as the painting. In two cases the artist has been particularly fortunate in a missive from "Somewhere in France," and another entitled "Knitting for the Soldiers" by Mrs. W. P. Kelley and Mrs. Edward Miller, respectively, there is struck a very timely war note.

The exhibition will be open to the public until December 20.

## CREDIT MEN HOSTS TO BALTO. FRIENDS

D. C. Merchants Hold Contest and Elect Officers.

Business and pleasure were combined by the Washington Association of Credit Men who entertained the debating team of the Baltimore Association of Credit Men at their annual dinner and statement contest at the Commercial Club last night. Election of officers and directors for the coming year was also held.

In the debate, which was on a technical credit subject, the Baltimore credit team, who upheld the affirmative side, was victorious. Those on the Baltimore team were: John N. Dimling, treasurer; Carter, Webster & Co.; Blake Bourne, of J. E. Hurst & Co.; and Ira L. Morningstar, of Kingston Co. Those who debated for the Washington Association of Credit Men were: S. J. Henry, vice president of the Munsey Trust Company; E. B. Adams, president of the E. B. Adams Company, and John Brewer, manager of R. G. Dun Co. The judges were: Dr. H. Parker Willis, Howard Mathal and Carl C. Mueller.

The following new directors were chosen: F. W. White, E. B. Adams, W. J. Wenbourne, A. F. Harlan and P. E. Davis. Committee reports were made by John E. Moore, chairman of the membership committee, and Beverly J. Smith, chairman of the welfare committee.

## Senate to Tackle Newspaper

Scarcely and high prices of newspaper paper will be aired in the Senate, perhaps next week. Senator Mark Smith, of Arizona, yesterday secured right of way for his bill dealing with newspaper paper. It will be taken up when the oil lands leasing bill is concluded. The Smith bill demands "an adequate supply at proper prices to the United States government and industries."

## PRIDE IN NAVY, DANIELS' REPLY TO HIS CRITICS

Cabinet Member Invites Quiz as to Management of War Business.

"The country will be very proud of its navy when it learns what it is doing," said Secretary Daniels when asked to comment on the investigation begun yesterday by the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Personnel of the navy has been increased from 20,000 to 300,000 men. Secretary Daniels does not deny that supplies and equipment are lacking in some quarters. Every machine shop and gun factory in the country, it was stated, and every mechanic is working to the utmost to provide the larger equipment necessary.

The navy is fully armed with small arms and machine guns. Daniels believes an investigation will show that the service is in excellent fighting shape.

Chairman Oliver, of the subcommittee to investigate the Navy Department's progress in the war, said the investigators will start on Monday. It is planned to call in Secretary Daniels and many of his division chiefs. Sessions may be held in the Christmas holidays. Serving on the committee with Chairman Oliver, will be Representatives Hicks, Venable, Peters, Hensley and Britton.

## G. A. R. VETS WANT INCREASED PENSIONS

Members of Rawlins Post, No. 1, Discuss Bills Before Congress.

One of the most attentive listeners at a meeting of John A. Rawlins Post, No. 1, G. A. R., called last night to discuss measures for an increase in pensions of the veterans, was Brig. Gen. Edward Washburn Whitaker, the officer who received the flag of truce from Gen. Robert E. Lee at the surrender of the Southern army to Gen. Grant at Appomattox court-house, Va. At that time he was a lieutenant colonel and brevet brigadier general of United States Volunteers.

Post Department Commander John McElroy, editor of the National Tribune, the official organ of the G. A. R., was the principal speaker. He declared that there are fully 300 pension bills before Congress now calling for the relief sought, and that it was his intention to support the measure having the best chance of passage. The election of officers resulted as follows: Commander, William J. Weiss; senior vice commander, William Schneider; junior vice commander, Samuel L. Stratton; quartermaster, R. B. Scudder; surgeon, Dr. W. J. Armstrong; officer of the day, Christian Keiner; officer of the guard, Edward Purcell; delegates to the departmental encampment, Capt. James A. Allen, Brig. Gen. E. W. Whitaker and Albert Guddekunst; alternates, Ernst Ruppert, William Schneider and Robert E. Doyle.

## Comptroller Grants Six National Bank Charters

Six charters for new National banks were issued by the Comptroller of the Currency this week. It was announced yesterday.

Two applications were rejected, and two limitations reported. The following charters were issued: First National Bank, Allendale, N. C.; First National Bank, Blanchardville, Wis.; First National Bank, Mineral Springs, Ark.; Bluefield National Bank, Bluefield, W. Va.; First National Bank, Neche, N. Dak.; Bathurst National Bank, Bathurst, N. Dak. The last three were for conversion of State banks.

## FILIPINOS GIVE DINNER

The Philippine Society, of this city, gave a party last night at the residence of Commissioner and Mrs. Leveyra from the Philippine Islands at their home, 209 Cathedral avenue. Chevy Chase, the entertainment was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Fernandez and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hoscon, who, after spending over five months in Washington, are going back to the islands very soon.

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## Wife Nearly Faints When Husband Only Gets 1-Year Sentence

A woman just emerging from Criminal Court No. 1 where Justice Stafford presided, ran down the corridor and nearly fainted in the arms of a bailiff. "They sent my husband to jail," she moaned. "That's too bad," sympathized the bailiff. "How long did he get?" "One year," groaned the woman. "and I thought sure he was going to get a longer sentence than that. He didn't get enough."

## FATHERLESS FRENCH KIDDIES RECEIVE AID

Thirty Will Be Kept at Home Through Post Card Sale.

Thirty fatherless French children will be kept in their homes for one year as the result of \$1,000 being raised to date from the sale of Christmas cards under the auspices of the District committee of the French war orphan relief organization in this country. The cards which have been on sale for three days at 1138 Connecticut avenue northwest, will be sold until Christmas.

Ten cents for one card will keep an orphan housed for a day, and \$1 is sufficient for a month, members of the committee declared. Letters from the children in France who have been taken care of with the contributions of residents of Washington have been received and are on exhibition at the address.

Mrs. Hennen Jennings is chairman of the local war orphan committee and Mrs. Franklin Lane, Mrs. Houston, Miss Julia Lathrop, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, and Mrs. Archibald Hopkins are members of the committee.

"Papa" Joffre recently was made head of the main committee in Paris for the relief of the orphans.

## GERMANS LOSE FAITH IN WAR AIM OF KAISER

Merchants Abandon Hope of Victory Which Will Expand Markets.

The big business interests of Germany are losing their faith in the war.

Dispatches that have arrived at the State Department from neutral sources in Europe declare that the commercial magnates who were firmly allied with the military leaders at the outset of the conflict are becoming increasingly worried over the outlook, and are beginning to prod the government to increase their efforts for peace.

The fear is being expressed more or less openly in German business quarters, it is stated, that Germany will never be able to regain the trade she has lost. Particular concern, it is set forth, is manifested over the steady march of South and Central American countries towards the ranks of the Kaiser's enemies.

It was in these countries, Department officials declared, that German business efficiency had built up most elaborate trade machinery and connections. It was in this direction that German exporters, before the outbreak of the war, looked for the biggest trade advances of the future.

The State Department advises, officials said, indicated that the commercial barons of Berlin, Hamburg and other German cities have lost faith in the idea that Germany, through military victory, is going to be able to restore Germany's trade. There is a growing movement among business men, the dispatches say, in favor of an early peace that will enable them to save what they can from the wreckage.

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